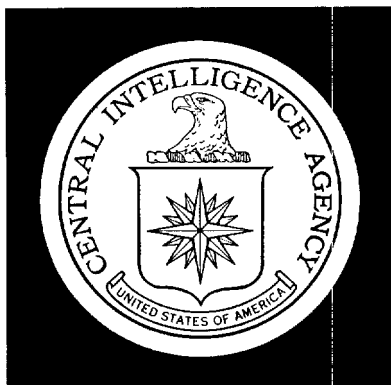


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JORDAN-ISRAEL: The Jordanians may take the Jerusalem issue to the Security Council next month.

King Husayn

will request a Security Council meeting on Jerusalem in July and that the Spanish Government has agreed to present the case. The King said he has secured the full backing of the French representative as well as of other unspecified council members. The papal nuncio for Jerusalem has reportedly told the King that the Vatican supports his move and will use its influence to line up the South American countries on the Security Council.

Even if the Spanish Government does not initiate the question--and it is not clear whether Madrid has made a final decision--Husayn would probably be able to find a sponsor elsewhere. The Jordanians would presumably prefer to move in July, when France's chairmanship of the Security Council would produce a favorable atmosphere for the Jordanian case.

An extensive airing of the question, whether or not it resulted in a condemnation of Israel, would be unlikely to alter Israel's fundamental policy regarding the integration of Arab Jerusalem into Israel. It would presumably also further stiffen Israel's position on an interim Suez Canal arrangement or an over-all settlement. At the same time, such a debate--particularly if any resolution were ignored by the Israelis--would almost certainly serve to isolate Israel further in the eyes of world opinion.

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